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Order Instituting Investigation to Consider Policies to Achieve the Commission's Conservation Objectives for Class A Water Utilities.	Investigation 07-01-022 (Filed January 11, 2007)
In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (U 133 E) for Authority to Implement Changes in Ratesetting Mechanisms and Reallocation of Rates.	Application 06-09-006 (Filed September 6, 2006)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W), a California Corporation, requesting an order from the California Public Utilities Commission Authorizing Applicant to Establish a Water Revenue Balancing Account, a Conservation Memorandum Account, and Implement Increasing Block Rates.	Application 06-10-026 (Filed October 23, 2006)
Application of Park Water Company (U 314 W) for Authority to Implement a Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism, Increasing Block Rate Design and a Conservation Memorandum Account.	Application 06-11-009 (Filed November 20, 2006)
Application of Suburban Water Systems (U 339 W) for Authorization to Implement a Low Income Assistance Program, an Increasing Block Rate Design, and a Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism.	Application 06-11-010 (Filed November 22, 2006)
Application of San Jose Water Company (U 168 W) for an Order Approving its Proposal to Implement the Objectives of the Water Action Plan.	Application 07-03-019 (Filed March 19, 2007)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) submits this Notice in accordance with Rule 8.5 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

On July 3, 2007, there was a communication between Laura Krannawitter, Advisor to Commissioner Bohn, and the following representatives of DRA: Tatiana Olea (Staff Analyst) and Natalie Wales (Staff Attorney). The communication was initiated by DRA and consisted of a meeting that began at approximately 2:30 p.m. at the Opera Plaza Deli, and lasted approximately one hour. DRA provided the attached written material at the meeting, and later e-mailed it to Ms. Krannawitter.

DRA stated that winter usage is an accepted proxy for indoor water usage in developing conservation rate designs. DRA discussed the dangers of implementing aggressive conservation rate designs in districts in which customers are still being transitioned from flat rates to metered rates. DRA also raised other issues unique to specific districts that complicate the development of conservation rates, such as districts whose water sources could be affected by take-or-pay contracts, and districts in which customers may not be clearly classified (into residential, industrial, etc.). DRA nevertheless noted that it could be appropriate to consider adopting alternate rate structures that could be implemented if extreme circumstances dictate a greater need for water conservation in an area.

Copies of this Notice can be obtained by calling or sending e-mail to Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 (e-mail - sam@cpuc.ca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of “**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**” in **I.07-01-022 et al.** by using the following service:

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Executed on **July 9, 2007**, at San Francisco, California.

/S/ MARTHA PEREZ

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